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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COTTON PURCHASES

REFS : A. JAKARTA 12211 B. JAKARTA 11926 C. JAKARTA 11631

1. THIS IS TO REPORT THAT EARL B. BROWN SPOKE TO ME THIS MORNING BY LONG DISTANCE PHONE FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY PROTESTING THAT OUR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE HAS ADVISED HIS CLIENTS IN INDONESIA THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BUY THE COTTON WHICH HE HAS ARRANGED TO SUPPLY THEM BECAUSE IT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TROUBLE. MR. BROWN ASSURED ME THAT THERE WOULD BE NO TROUBLE SINCE HE HAS BOUGHT THIS COTTON FROM THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND HAS A FIRM CONTRACT WHICH RELIEVES HIM OF ANY PREVIOUS LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE COTTON. THIS CONFORMS TO WHAT THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR CABLED TO ME AS REPEATED IN OUR REF A MESSAGE. MR. BROWN STATED THAT THE BOLIVIAN COTTON WAS STORED IN BRAZIL.

2. MR. BROWN FURTHER PROTESTED THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING HARD FOR OVER A MONTH TRYING TO CONCLUDE THIS TRANSACTION, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BE OF HELP TO THE INDONESIANS. HE IDENTIFIED HIS BUYERS HERE AS P.T. TANJUNG AND P.N. SANDANG
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WHICH CONFORMS TO OUR REF BUOESSAGE.

3. I TOLD MR. BROWN THAT I WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS BUT THOUGHT THE DIFFICULTY PERHAPS CONCERNED PREVIOUS AND CONFLICTING CONTRACTS BY OTHER FIRMS FOR THE CONTRACT. HE DENIED THAT THERE WERE SUCH CONFLICTING CONTRACTS.

4. I FURTHER TOLD MR. BROWN THAT I WOULD HAVE THE PERTINENT OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CALL HIM AS I WAS SURE THEY WOULD GIVE HIM A HEARING AFTER RECEIVING THE DETAILS OF HIS PROTEST.

COMMENTS: I URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO CALL MR. BROWN (OFFICE PHONE 502/584-2222; HOME PHONE 502/897-2222) REGARDING THIS MATTER WHICH WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING ON AT YOUR REQUEST. I MUST CLARIFY THAT OUR AGATT IN CARRYING OUT YOUR REQUESTS HAS NEVER RPT NEVER ADVISED THE GOI OR CONCERNED CLIENTS OF MR. BROWN THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BUY BOLIVIAN COTTON BECAUSE IT WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY TROUBLE. P.T. TANJUNG OFFICIALS HAVE OBVIOUSLY FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THEIR CONCERN AS REPORTED IN REF B. IT MUST ALSO BE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOI HAS INFORMED INDONESIAN TRADERS ON THE BOLIVIAN COTTON SITUATION AND THAT RALLI & COOK INDUSTRIES REPS HAVE MADE EXTENSIVE CONTACTS REGARDING THEIR INTERESTS INTO POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF BOLIVIAN COTTON AS REPORTED IN REF C.
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